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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole turkeys. Offerings were tight on toms, adequate on hens. Demand was light to moderate. Trading focused on 30 loads of packer label, pre-priced fresh hens and 2 loads of toms at 70 cents in the West. Demand for thigh meat was lethargic and the market was soft. Supplies of parts were adequate or available for the limited interest. Mechanically separated turkey was available and steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Activity was light.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-115

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	143-158
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-75

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 MARCH 1999.

Supplies of tom drums, necks and v-type wings were available, tom full cut wings were about balanced, and tails were offered. Buyer interest was limited and trading was very light. Thigh meat demand was sluggish. Supplies of breast meat varied by plant. Fresh mechanically separated turkey was available at current prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	19.15	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	25.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	21.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	178.28	640
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	191.25	160
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	149.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		21.00	21.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		20.00	20.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	49.33	60

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.